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TERRORISM AND THE UGANDA INCIDENT

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LAST WEEK'S HIJACKING OF A FRENCH AIRLINER, THE HOLDING OF HOSTAGES IN UGANDA AND THE EVENTUAL ISRAELI RESCUE OF THOSE HOSTAGES IS RECEIVING A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. VOA NEWS ANALYST GEORGE HALSEY HAS THESE OBSERVATIONS.

VOICE:

ONE MAJOR POINT TO BE MADE ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THIS AFFAIR IS THAT THE HIJACKING FAILED. ANOTHER MAJOR POINT IS THAT IT TOOK A BOLD AND METICULOUSLY PLANNED MILITARY OPERATION TO MAKE IT FAIL -- AND THAT KIND OF THING SHOULD NOT BE NECESSARY.

THERE IS ALREADY A LOT BEING SAID BY GOVERNMENTS AND NEWSPAPERS ABOUT THE ISRAELI RAID ON THE ENTEBBE AIRPORT IN UGANDA THAT FREED THE HOSTAGES AND KILLED THE HIJACKERS. MUCH OF THE PRAISE COMES FROM COUNTRIES THAT HAVE SUFFERED FROM TERRORISM AND ARE DELIGHTED TO SEE A TERRORIST GROUP FAIL. MUCH OF THE CONDEMNATION COMES FROM COUNTRIES THAT HAVE SUFFERED LITTLE FROM TERRORISM, OR THAT FEEL THAT THE SUCCESS OF A VAGUE CALL TO REVOLUTION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HUMAN LIVES. UGANDA, OF COURSE, CLAIMS ITS SOVEREIGNTY HAS BEEN VIOLATED, AND IT IS SUPPORTED BY SOME OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES. U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM NOTES THIS AND SAYS THE SECURITY COUNCIL MAY BECOME INVOLVED, BUT HE ALSO NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THAT MANY LIVES WERE SAVED.

MANY TERRORISTS CLAIM THAT WORLD REVOLUTION WILL SOLVE ALL THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS, BUT MOST GOVERNMENTS ARE MORE REALISTIC AND RECOGNIZE IT WILL TAKE SOMETHING ELSE TO SOLVE THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM -- INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

SOME COUNTRIES HAVE FOUND THAT STRICT SECURITY MEASURES AT AIRPORTS HAVE REDUCED TERRORIST INCIDENTS DRAMATICALLY. (OPT) IN FACT, ONE ISRAELI OFFICIAL SAYS HIS GOVERNMENT WANTS TO SEE ALL AIRLINES SERVING ISRAEL ADOPT THE SAME SECURITY MEASURES THAT THE ISRAELI AIRLINE USES. AND THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING A BILL TO IMPOSE FINES ON FOREIGN AIRLINES SERVING ISRAEL THAT DO NOT ADOPT SUCH MEASURES. (END OPT)

BUT THE PURPOSE OF ANY SUCH MEASURES IS TO PREVENT TERRORIST HIJACKINGS BY MAKING IT DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO SUCCEED. AND THIS, OF COURSE, MEANS THAT NO COUNTRY SHOULD GIVE TERRORISTS A HAVEN. THE DIRECTOR OF LONDON'S INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF CONFLICT, BRIAN CROZIER, SAID RECENTLY (U.S. NEWS, 6/28/76) THAT ALL BUT THE MOST FANATICAL TERRORISTS WOULD BE DETERRED IF THEY KNEW NO ONE WOULD GIVE THEM ASYLUM. "THE PROBLEM IS," SAID MR. CROZIER, "THAT IF THERE IS A SINGLE GOVERNMENT THAT REFUSES TO BRING TERRORISTS TO TRIAL OR TO EXTRADITE THEM TO THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN TO STAND TRIAL, THEN TERRORISM CAN GO ON.

SO TODAY, MUCH OF THE WORLD CAN JOIN PRESIDENT FORD IN EXPRESSING TO ISRAEL GREAT SATISFACTION THAT ITS ACTION THAT SAVED HOSTAGES AND THWARTED WHAT HE CALLED "A SENSELESS ACT OF TERRORISM." THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THAT AIR FRANCE HIJACKING ARE DEAD -- AND THE MEN AND WOMEN THE TERRORISTS DEMANDED BE FREED IN EXCHANGE FOR THE HOSTAGES ARE STILL IN PRISON. MANY OF THEM WERE CONVICTED EARLIER OF THE SAME CRIME -- TERRORISM. FREEING THEM COULD HAVE LED TO ESCALATED TERRORISM IN THE FUTURE.

BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THE LARGER PROBLEM REMAINS. AS THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR PUTS IT IN AN (TUESDAY) EDITORIAL, THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD URGENTLY NEED "TO COME UP WITH SOME

BETTER FORMULA FOR PREVENTING HIJACKINGS AND THE ATTENDANT DEMANDS -- A BETTER MEANS THAN RESPONDING IN DESPERATION WITH SHEER FORCE, AS THE ISRAELIS HAVE DONE."

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